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In re Application of : Shi, et al.
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Examiner : S. Hui
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Mammalian Spinal Cord Injuries

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Amendment/Response

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action of February 27, 2001, please consider the following amendment to the claims in determining the patentability of the instant application.

In the Claims:

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Claims 1-21 are cancelled. The new claims are claims 22-43.

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22. A method of treating a mammalian patient having suffered an injury to its spinal cord, said method comprising contacting said spinal cord as soon as is possible and within a period no greater than about 24 hours after said injury with an effective amount of a C₁-C₁₀ polyalkylene glycol, said method resulting in at least partial restoration of nerve function in said injured spinal cord and an increased behavioral recovery after said spinal cord is treated.

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23. The method according to claim 22 wherein said spinal cord is severed.

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